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# EAT

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A tribute to heavy metal band Red Fang features the launch of Reverse Thunder Imperial Red—a collaboration with Dryhop (\$7 per pint)—and the Red Fang II burger with onion rings and jalapeno-stout cheese and bourbon barbecue sauce (\$16). 11:30 a.m.-11:45 p.m.

# DRINK



Mike Tyson

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## 'FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS' WEIGH-INS

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Mike Tyson hosts a public press conference and weigh-ins for the ESPN-broadcast Friday bouts at UIC Pavilion featuring headliners Roberto Garcia and Norberto Gonzalez and other boxers. Specials include half-price wine bottles, \$8 Woodford Reserve old fashioned and half-price salads. 4 p.m. No cover.

# DO

## POP-UP ART LOOP

### Chicago Loop Alliance at Block 37

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On the eve of the Sochi Olympics, attend the opening reception for "The Olympic City," an ongoing photography project by Jon Pack and Gary Hustwit exploring the Games' economic impact on host cities around the globe—and visit six additional spaces featuring temporary art installations. 5-9 p.m. Participating spaces: [popupartloop.com](http://popupartloop.com)



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Commuters board a train at the Hinsdale Metra BSNF station on Wednesday.  
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# TRANSIT TROUBLE

## Need a lift? Chicago area mass transit agencies are failing you, report finds

### Chicago Tribune

The Chicago area's mass transit agencies are doing a poor job of serving the commuting needs of the region—portions of which are “transit deserts”—while planning efforts are haphazard, a new report says.

Even major suburban job centers—such as the bustling I-90 Corridor from O'Hare to Schaumburg, the crowded Oak Brook area and booming Naperville—“are not well-served by transit,” and most jobs in the region can't be reached in a 90-minute commute, the analysis found.

The region will fail to meet a goal of doubling transit use by 2040, so efforts “must be refocused with customer satisfaction as the primary objective,” said a draft report prepared for the Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force.

Gov. Quinn created the 15-member task force last August to suggest reforms for the transit system after controversy erupted over Metra's ouster of its CEO.

The latest findings—from a working group studying transit system performance—echo the task force's October conclusion that the structure of the transit system has led to “du-

plication, competition, uncoordinated service and a lack of accountability.”

The five-page draft report provides few details to back up its assertions, although officials say it is a work in progress.

The report recommends creation of a specific plan to boost ridership, better use of existing transportation and housing resources and development of “performance measures” toward reaching those goals.

The draft report found that the transit system's planning and operations “are fragmented, making it extremely difficult to effectively manage a regional approach to transit and development.”

While planning efforts are being made at the RTA and the agencies it oversees—the CTA, Metra and Pace—“there is little coordination” among them, the draft said. There is no comprehensive set of goals, and the current structure “creates operational inefficiency, redundant service and gaps in service,” it said.

The RTA, the CTA and Metra had no response to the report Wednesday. Pace would not comment on specific findings, but said it was committed to improvement.

“Without a greater investment in transit, it will be extremely difficult for the transit agencies to address” some of the problems, Pace spokesman Patrick Wilmot said.

## TRANSIT LACKING IN SOME AREAS

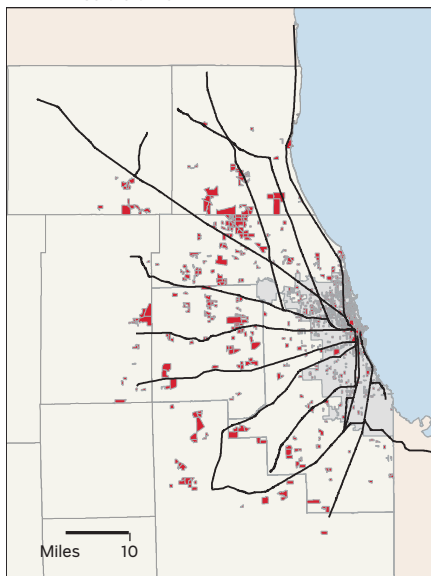
A new report by the Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force, using data provided by the Center for Neighborhood Technology shows that some areas of Chicagoland are underserved by public transportation. Produced as background information for the Northeastern Illinois Transit Task Force, the report is based on factors such as population, job density and vehicle density.

### UNDERSERVED CENSUS BLOCK AREAS

With most unmet demand for public transit

■ Areas in need of more transit

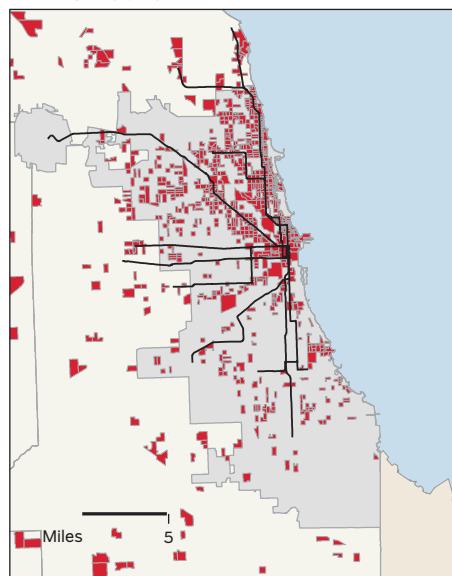
— Metra trains



SOURCE: Center for Neighborhood Technology

■ Areas in need of more transit

— CTA trains



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## The plastic problem



YOUNG MONEY

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Remember that time a major American retailer's credit card security was breached, and nobody gave a damn?

OK, a few people gave a few damns. When Target got hacked, about 40 million people had information from their credit and debit cards stolen. Even more people—70 million!—

had their personal information compromised.

But when Reuters/Ipsos asked around, the collective response was "meh."

The poll, released last week, found that a third of Americans have seen fraudulent charges on their credit or debit cards at least once. Your friendly neighborhood Young Money columnist is one of them. Of those victims of data theft, 64 percent said they still use plastic.

What's more, two-thirds of the Target shoppers they polled said the big data breach did not affect their Target shopping. Your friendly neighborhood Young Money columnist is also in this group. (Look, my brother is getting married, and that quesadilla maker on his registry ain't gonna buy itself.)

Why do we keep doing this? And don't say

the Target attack was just a fluke. The FBI has found 20 more cases of the same kind of software in the past year, so we should expect more of these kinds of attacks to become public soon.

Here's why: The qualities that make plastic so awesome—convenience, universality, flexibility—are the exact same qualities that make it vulnerable to security breaches. There's a giant network of essentially fake money that can be used almost everywhere on the planet to buy almost anything. It's convenient and modern and kind of ethereal—and that makes it really easy for some greasy teen to get his acne'd hands on it.

The obvious solution is to use cash everywhere, but I know you're not going to do that. It's OK; neither am I. Cash has its own disadvantages—if it gets stolen, you're SOL. And I'm pretty sure nobody has used cash to buy a plane ticket since, like, pioneer times.

Here's what you can do: Check your bank and credit card accounts every day. Check your credit report three times a year at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com), and scan it for anything unfamiliar. Keep the numbers for your creditors and banks on hand at all times, so you're prepared the instant you know something is fishy.

And also, as much as it pains me to admit ... yeah, you probably should use cash more.

MEGAN CREPEAU IS A REDEYE COPY EDITOR TRYING SO, SO HARD TO GET HER MONEY STUFF TOGETHER.

## GRIND-CORE

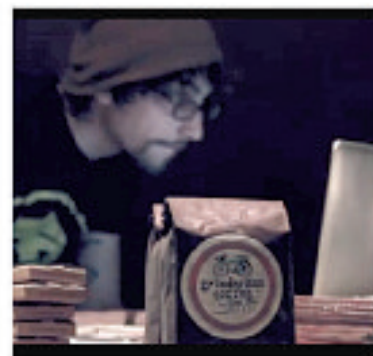
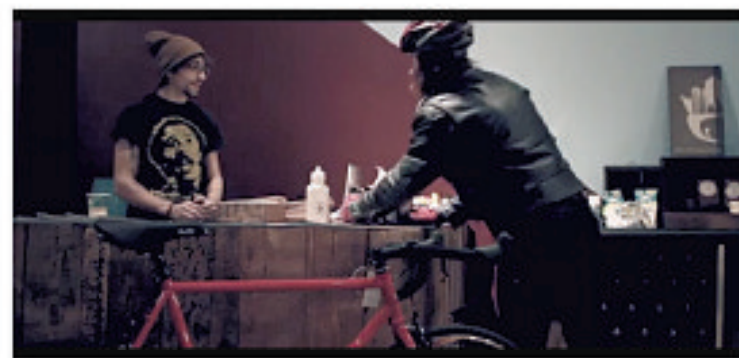
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Excellent! Check out firsthand how local entrepreneur Michael McSherry started Grinderman Coffee by roasting in his garage and delivering by bike, whether that's in the heat of summer or the bitter cold of winter.

The video journey (found at [redeyechicago.com/grinderman](http://redeyechicago.com/grinderman)) also features music by Chicago band Barber Greene.

VIDEO BY REDEYE'S SEAN ELY, LENNY GILMORE AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR SEAN PHEANIS.



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Rich Capalbo and his horse, Raven, wait for passengers near the Water Tower in November.

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## Animal protection on City Council agenda

### Chicago Tribune

City officials laid out an animal protection agenda Wednesday as a veteran alderman introduced a measure that would make horse-drawn carriages a thing of the past and an ordinance to require dogs or cats sold in city pet stores to come from shelters gained momentum.

Southwest Side Ald. Edward Burke (14th) said he was spurred to propose banning horse carriages at least in part by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's vow to end the carriage rides in Central Park. "They're a nuisance, they're a traffic hazard, it's cruel to the animals, and we should be able to beat New York City to the punch," Burke said.

Burke challenged the idea that the carriages are beloved by tourists. "Well, I don't know that the tourists love cruelty to animals, nor I do know that tourists that don't ride in the carriages want to be inconvenienced by the traffic jams and the hazards that are created," he said.

### BOND PLAN APPROVED

The City Council on Wednesday gave the Emanuel administration authority to issue up to \$900 million in new bonds and to double the city's short-term line of credit to \$1 billion.

The ordinance, which would stop the city from renewing licenses for horse-drawn carriage operators, got a boost from Mayor Emanuel, who gave it provisional backing after Wednesday's City Council meeting.

City Clerk Susana Mendoza is spearheading a move to require pet stores in Chicago selling puppies and felines to get them from shelters or rescue groups rather than from so-called puppy mills where she said the animals often live in deplorable conditions and end up with debilitating, costly diseases that force families to give them up. Mendoza said 47 aldermen signed on to support the new rules.

### EXPRESS LINES

- » The CTA is satisfied enough with the performance of Ventra's contractor that it plans to soon stop holding back a portion of the payments owed to the company, officials said Wednesday.
- » Mayor Emanuel wants to charge more for food tickets at the Taste of Chicago and to increase the cost of thousands of seats to see concerts during Taste at the Petrillo Music Shell.
- » This winter already ranks as the eighth-snowiest on record in Chicago and has a good chance of climbing the charts this weekend when another storm is expected to hit. TRIBUNE







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Homicides from Jan. 29 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

# HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

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## CHICAGO VIOLENCE

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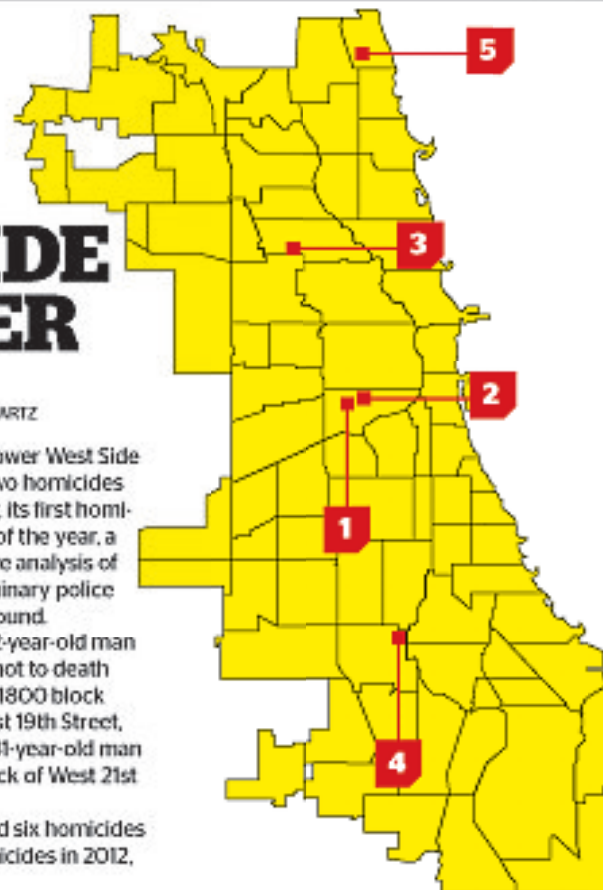
The Lower West Side saw two homicides Friday, its first homicides of the year, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

A 22-year-old man was shot to death in the 1800 block of West 19th Street, police said. Earlier in the day, a 31-year-old man was fatally shot in the 2000 block of West 21st Street, according to officials.

The Lower West Side recorded six homicides last year, down from seven homicides in 2012, RedEye determined.

In the last week, gunshot homicides have been recorded in Auburn Gresham, Logan Square and Rogers Park, based on police information.

Three homicides have been logged so far this month. Fourteen homicides



were recorded in February 2013, according to RedEye data.

January ended last week with 24 homicides, down from 44 homicides in January 2013, RedEye determined.

**1** 2000 BLOCK OF W. 21ST ST.  
Date: Jan. 31 Cause: Gunshot

**2** 1800 BLOCK OF W. 19TH ST.  
Date: Jan. 31 Cause: Gunshot

**3** 3200 BLOCK OF W. ARMITAGE AVE.  
Date: Feb. 1 Cause: Gunshot

**4** 7700 BLOCK OF S. LOWE AVE.  
Date: Feb. 4 Cause: Gunshot

**5** 6700 BLOCK OF N. CLARK ST.  
Date: Feb. 5 Cause: Gunshot

**MORE ONLINE** Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at [redye.chicago.com/homicides](http://redye.chicago.com/homicides), which now includes information on every homicide in Chicago since Jan. 1, 2007.

### Teen killed at Rogers Park McDonald's

A 16-year-old boy was killed and three other teens were wounded when a masked gunman walked up to them in a McDonald's parking lot in Rogers Park and opened fire Wednesday, authorities said. The incident occurred at 6740 N. Clark St.

### Woman gets life sentence for cop murder

A woman with a reported history of mental illness was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for the murder of Chicago police Officer Richard Francis in 2008. A jury convicted Robin Johnson of the first-degree murder in October.

### Coach was shielding daughter

The high school basketball coach shot in Humboldt Park last week was struck as he shielded his 15-year-old daughter from a burst of gunfire, according to prosecutors. Shawn Harrington was struck twice and is paralyzed, according to court records.

### Man accused of carjacking, robbery

A man arrested by police officers who saw him pushing what turned out to be a stolen vehicle has been charged in the hijacking of that car and the robbery of another woman on the Near North Side on New Year's Day, police said. **TRIBUNE**







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A passerby smokes outside the CVS at 344 W. Hubbard St. on Wednesday. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE

## CVS will stop selling tobacco products

CVS Caremark said Wednesday that it would stop selling tobacco products at its 7,600 stores by October, becoming the first national drugstore chain in the U.S. to take cigarettes off the shelf.

Public health experts called the decision by the No. 2 U.S. drugstore chain a precedent-setting step that could pressure other retailers to follow suit. Walgreen Co. said Wednesday morning it was not making the same move at this time.

"We will continue to evaluate the choice of products our customers want," Walgreens said in a statement.

In May, a Walgreen executive said the company, which focuses its branding on good health, was continuing to sell cigarettes to stay competitive with other drug store chains, convenience stores and grocery stores.

President Obama, a former smoker, said CVS had set a powerful example.

"Today's decision will help advance my administration's efforts to reduce tobacco-related deaths, cancer and heart disease, as well as bring down health care costs," Obama said in a statement.

CVS, whose Caremark unit is a major pharmacy benefits manager for corporations and the U.S. government's Medicare program, said the decision would strengthen its position as a health care provider.

"I think it will put pressure on other retailers who want to be in health care," said CVS Caremark Chief Medical Officer Dr. Troyen Brennan.

Advocates hope the voluntary move by CVS will have a ripple effect across other drugstore chains.

Some retailers stopped selling cigarettes years ago: Target decided to drop them in 1996, while East Coast supermarket chain Wegmans Food Markets did so in 2008.

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## U.N. report demands Vatican action

In a scathingly blunt report, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on Wednesday accused the Vatican of systematically turning a blind eye to decades of sexual abuse of children by priests, and demanded it immediately turn over known or suspected offenders to civil justice.

## Hoffman's autopsy was inconclusive

An autopsy of Philip Seymour Hoffman's body was inconclusive, and the determination of the official cause of death will have to wait for additional testing, the New York City's medical examiner's office said Wednesday. A spokeswoman said there was no time frame available for when the tests would be completed.

## North, South Korea to hold reunions

North and South Korea agreed Wednesday to allow some families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War to hold brief reunions, despite a campaign by Pyongyang that Seoul cancel planned war games with the United States. The reunions will take place Feb. 20 to 25, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.





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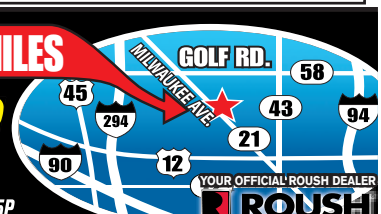
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# FIVE-RING CIRCUS

The Games have just begun, and Sochi already has a ton of catching up to do

RedEye

So, \$51 billion gets you what exactly? One thing Russia's Winter Games budget—the biggest in the history of the Olympics—can't buy is confidence. Or clean water. The RIA Novosti news agency reported that only 53 percent of the people polled by the Levada Center in Moscow believe their country should have bid for the Games. As competition begins Thursday in Sochi, there's only one thing certain: The city is grossly underprepared. A little more than two weeks from now, when all the medals have been handed out, the world might sing a different tune. For now, it remains to be seen whether Russia can sidestep one question mark after another.



Pro-gay rights activists hold a demonstration in Australia on Wednesday. GETTYIMAGESPHOTOS

## LGBT ATHLETES WELCOME?



Wagner

Ashley Wagner could not help but smile about the decor at the Olympic figure skating practice rink.

"It's a very colorful venue ... very rainbow colorful," Wagner noted, with a laugh, on Wednesday.

The reference was to the rainbow representing support for the LGBT community, which seems an ironic color choice in a country that last summer adopted national anti-gay legislation.

Wagner, 22, the two-time national champion, has been one of the few American athletes willing to speak out strongly and repeatedly against the law. She will not refrain from such comments now that she is in Russia.

"It doesn't matter where I am, it's still my opinion," Wagner said. "I stand by what I've said before. I am an athlete here at the Games; there is only so much I can do. I just believe in equality for all."

Russian President Vladimir Putin said last month that gay athletes have nothing to fear as long as they "leave kids alone."



Shani Davis

## Davis still hungry for gold—and fries

Chicago Tribune

**SOCHI, Russia** Olympic speedskaters such as Brian Hansen and Emery Lehman are spending their spare time at the Winter Olympics playing pingpong and Taboo.

Shani Davis, however, saves the fun until business is taken care of.

"If I'm not eating, I'm training—if I'm not

training, I'm resting," the 31-year-old Davis told the Tribune after training Wednesday. "Those guys are younger, so they can run around a little more than [I can]. When I was their age, I think I was playing the games a little more."

Davis, a Chicago native who has two gold medals in the 1,000 meters, hopes to make history with a third to become the first U.S.

man win a victory in three straight Games. He also has two silver medals in the 1,500 and holds the world record in both events.

He said he is relaxed, feels healthier than a year ago and is focused on performing his best—and enjoyed the arrival of an American staple earlier this week.

"McDonald's opened up a few days ago, so





## UNSAFE VENUES?

Shaun White, citing the potential risk of injury, on Wednesday pulled out of the slopestyle snowboarding competition.

White had called the course at Rosa Khutor

Extreme Park "intimidating," and already it had

become the

source of controversy in the first two days of training—most notably in the case of Norwegian Torstein Horgmo, who broke his collarbone in a crash Monday.

White jammed his wrist in a slopestyle training run Tuesday and opted to concentrate on trying to win his third Olympic gold in the halfpipe.

"With the practice runs I have taken, even after course modifications and watching fellow athletes get hurt, the potential risk of injury is a bit too much for me to gamble my other Olympics goals on," White said.

White's withdrawal was a significant blow to the event, which is making its Olympic debut.

"Definitely concerns about the course," he said. "It's been interesting to see how it's developed and changed over the past few days. I guess the big question is if it will continue to change."



A Canadian skier is treated by medical personnel on the slopestyle course on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES



Jessica Smith



Security personnel in the Olympic Park



Chris Fogt

## VULNERABLE TO ATTACK?

These Games are considered particularly vulnerable to terrorist attacks because of their proximity to the North Caucasus, a region where Islamic militants have waged a violent insurgency.

Recent bombings in Volgograd, about 400 miles away, heightened fears, as did media reports that authorities were searching for three potential "black widow" suicide bombers thought to be in the area.

But the athletes who have arrived in the past

few days say they feel safe, in part because of an obvious military and security presence.

"From the moment you step off the plane, you're showing credentials," American short-track speedskater Jessica Smith said. "Everybody's checking you at each stop you enter and you exit."

Not everyone is as comfortable, however. Heading into the Games, the U.S. Olympic Committee issued a memo to athletes, passing along State Department advice that they

refrain from wearing conspicuous team clothing outside of secured areas.

"This is no war zone but not the safest environment," said bobsledder Chris Fogt, who served with the U.S. military in Iraq after the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. "We kind of feel like something could happen."

Outside of Russia, confidence in security measures is lacking. According to a CNN/ORC poll, 57 percent of Americans think a terrorist attack on the Sochi Games is likely.

that was really awesome," Davis said.

Asked about his success on a diet of McDonald's, Davis laughed and said he eats it only once in a while and avoids burgers, instead sticking with nuggets and fries.

"Sometimes you get tired of eating foreign foods so you eat something that's as close to home as possible," he said. "I grew up eating

McDonald's, so I'll probably be an old man eating McDonald's. ... I don't eat it every day. Besides, Usain Bolt ate it every day and he did quite well for himself."

A few minutes after speaking to the Tribune, Davis dismissed a reporter's suggestion that his age may keep him from winning a third-straight title.

"I don't worry about that. I may be 31, but in my heart I'm 15. So I can still skate a lot longer if I want to."

His younger counterparts, meanwhile, have found a few lighthearted distractions. Lehman, a 17-year-old senior at Oak Park-River Forest High School, said he's been playing pingpong with teammates. Hansen, who is from Glenview

and competing in his second Games, played Ta-boo on Tuesday with the U.S. bobsled team.

"It's hard to sit in your room and relax," Hansen said. "The hardest thing is to not walk around a lot because almost everything requires walking and there's a lot to get done and a lot to do. There's just always so much excitement."



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## GAMES ON

You ready for the Sochi Olympics?  
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1	Give Chicagoan and U.S. bobsledder Aja Evans some advice as she prepares for the Olympics.	If it always hurts when you do a particular thing, stop doing that.	No texting while driving, please.	Always kiss the lucky egg.	Keep your head down. #BobsledForm #SurviveChi	I think Salt 'N' Pepa said it best: "Ah, push it—push it good. ... Ah, push it—p—push it real good."
2	Let's have your Sochi Olympics prediction.	Broncos 35, Seahawks 21.	The two-man commodes will get more media attention than the two-man luge teams.	Chicago's streets will be snowier than Sochi's slopes.	Russia will cheat us out of gold. That's what they do. #720lympics	Two weeks of a bunch of people who don't know anything about sports acting like experts in every Olympic event.
3	Shaun White is to the Winter Games as ...	... Mila Kunis is to "Friends with Benefits." Which featured Shaun White. Thus: See you on the slopes, Mila.	... other fitting namesakes are to strip clubs ("Oliver Clothesoff") and matchmakers ("Anita Man").	... Kimmy Gibbler was to "Full House."	... #CarrotTop is to comedy.	... Carrot Top is to comedy. Old and outdated. Get out and let someone else shine.
4	How will the Blackhawks who aren't competing in Sochi spend their Olympic break?	Gossip, hair braiding, s'mores, repeat, until someone's mom says this sleepover's getting rowdy.	Same as rest of us: digging out of snow and complaining about Chicago winter.	Thanking their lucky stars for Wi-Fi and American plumbing.	Making money via appearances. #StanleyCupFame	Did you read RedEye's story about Blackhawks dads? Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On" is going to be on repeat.
5	If you created a Sochi Olympics mascot, what would it be?	A winter coat with sunglasses—to make sure it's hip and appeals to the youngsters.	A mini Mike Ditka-looking guy with a mustache, cigar and dark shades named "So CHI."	The Socheeto. It's just the Cheetos mascot, Chester, wearing a Russian hat. "shrug"	Sgt. Slaughter standing on the Olympic rings with a rainbow in the sky. #toomuchdrama	Snow. Which, oddly enough, could be Chicago's new mascot.



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# COLD RUSH

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## Muppet man

Can you say “adorable”? Figure skating gold medalist and Naperville native Evan Lysacek got to join Elmo and Stinky on “Sesame Street.”

### Dogs on the run?

The International Olympic Committee says only sick strays in Sochi are being killed, despite reports to the contrary.



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### Scary intelligence

The Department of Homeland Security is warning airlines traveling to Russia to look out for toothpaste containers that could be holding bomb materials.

### He's got a 'big head'

“I was just like, whoa, never been on a billboard before. That's a first.”

—17-year-old speedskater Emery Lehman of Oak Park, on his face being on a billboard in Milwaukee



Emery Lehman  
BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

### Wave it proudly

Nordic combined skier Todd Lodwick, a six-time Olympian, will be the U.S. flag bearer at the opening ceremonies.



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### Bad luck, mon

The Jamaican bobsledders made it to the Games—but are missing their clothes and much of their equipment.

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## Sugar fix

Spoil your sweetheart with locally crafted treats this Valentine's Day

By Lisa Arnett | REDEYE

If actions speak more loudly than words, then a hastily picked-up box of drugstore candy for Valentine's Day says, "I care enough to buy you cheap chocolate." To really raise the bar this year, surprise your valentine with one of these locally crafted sweets sets, prettily packaged and ripe for the giving.

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### Valentine's Day Box at Katherine Anne Confections

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Chocolatier Katherine Duncan has always made her chocolates from scratch, but this year, she and her staff are making the boxes for their Valentine's Day collection (\$60) by hand, too. "My front-of-house manager is an artist, and he does some really beautiful work and had mentioned the thought of doing a box," Duncan said. Each box is hand-cut and folded together before being wrapped in gold twine and secured with a heart-shaped wax seal. "We're making between 30 and 50 boxes, depending on when our hands give out." Inside, treat your sweet to a strawberry-mint s'more, 12 caramels in flavors such as blood orange-sesame-caramel and 12 truffles in flavors such as strawberry-rose and passionfruit-ginger. Order online at [katherine-anne.com](http://katherine-anne.com) and pick up at



the Logan Square store or have it delivered anywhere in the U.S.

### Valentine's Day Gift Box at Bad Wolf Coffee

3422 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-969-2346

Jonathan Ory has been baking up creative treats—think mango-goat cheese tarts and blueberry-lime muffins—at his Roscoe Village coffee shop since opening last July. "We thought we were in a good position to give people something cool for Valentine's Day," he said. He'll be stocking Bad Wolf's Valentine's Day gift box (\$65) with a chocolate-raspberry cake for two, chocolate-covered marshmallows, chocolate and raspberry macarons, chocolate canelés and truffles in flavors such



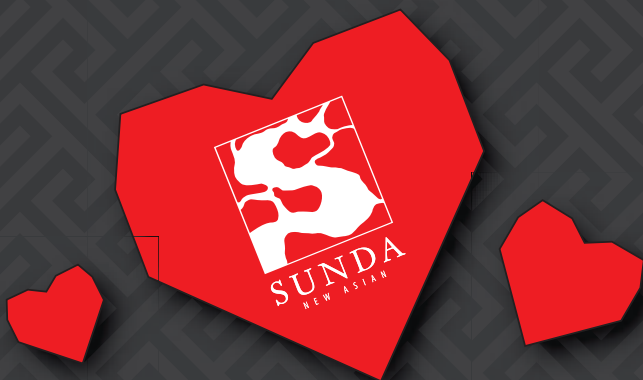
as dark chocolate-brandy and milk chocolate with sea salt. Ory will stock a limited number of boxes for walk-ins, but the best way to snag one is to place an order by phone before Feb. 11 for pick-up between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 13 or 14.

### Veruca Chocolates

2408 N. Western Ave. 773-998-2462

This recently debuted local sweets company is opening its production studio for a pre-Valentine's Day open house Feb. 9 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.; RSVP by email to [sales@verucachocolates.com](mailto:sales@verucachocolates.com)). Browse options such as Kiss Me Caramels (chocolate-covered sea-salt caramels emblazoned with red lips) packaged in a nine-piece box with a custom portrait Valentine made with Doodlebooth, a portraiture service (\$35). Can't come to the event? Order online at [verucachocolates.com](http://verucachocolates.com) and arrange for pick-up or delivery service.





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**What brings you out tonight?**  
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**What are you drinking and why?**  
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**Could you have married a woman who was all vodka, all the time?**  
People who get wasted on vodka are a little sloppier than whiskey and bourbon drinkers. [My wife] is a real class act.



## Bailey White 29, dentist's assistant

**What brings you out tonight?**  
Because it's Saturday and I didn't want to waste a weekend night sitting at home. I needed some human interaction.  
**What are you drinking and why?**  
The Banana Bread Manhattan. It's delicious. It tastes like banana bread, and it has whiskey in it, so it warms you.  
**What's your best advice for looking good in this weather?**  
Jewelry and a hairbrush in your bag.



## Ann Motter 30, math teacher

**What brings you out tonight?**  
Just enjoying a girls' night out on the weekend.  
**What are the key components of a great girls' night out?**  
Good food. Good drinks. Good conversation.  
**As a math teacher, do you have any math-related advice about going out?**  
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# FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE

**'Whose Line' star makes a splash with new projects**

**By Morgan Olsen** | FOR REDEYE

Wayne Brady's schedule is a multitasker's dream come true. He's gearing up to host this year's BET Honors, traveling the country for his "It's My Line" Tour, producing and selling sitcoms, recording his own music and taping a new season of "Whose Line is it Anyway?"—and that's not all.

All the while, Brady plays dad to his 10-year-old daughter, Maile, whom he is raising with ex-wife Mandie Takeru. The tales from their parenting adventures are pure gold. No, really. The divorced couple has their own production company, Frankie and Johnny, and recently sold a sitcom about their story.

Before his tour stops in Chicago Feb. 28, Brady hopped on the phone to talk about his ex, a viral dating rumor and his weakness for ice cream.

MORGAN OLSEN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

**When you see Chicago on your itinerary, what's the first thing that comes to mind?**

Because I've been there in winter a lot, I mainly think of how cold it is during the winter. I also think I used to have such a great time there. I used to shoot a show called "Quick Wits" at the NBC building. ... That was a really cool period in my life. That was pre-"Whose Line." That show used to air right after "Saturday Night Live;" it was a syndicated sketch show. They used to fly us out to Chicago, so we worked with a lot of Second City people. That's when I fell in love with your town.

**You and your ex-wife Mandie have your own production company and recently sold a sitcom.**

**What's it about?**

It's loosely based on my life and my life with my ex-wife, who is my production partner. And she's an amazing producer and actress and artist in her own right. It's about us co-parenting and raising our daughter even though we live in different homes and have different lives. That's kind of the new model for a lot of families, and we definitely try to maintain a great relationship so that our daughter has both of her parents and knows that we respect each other.

**What's the secret to working and getting along with your ex?**

I think the secret isn't really a secret. It's the

same thing that I think you put into a friendship. You treat your friend a certain way, and you expect to be treated a certain way. It's harder, of course, when there's water under the bridge in the past, but if there's a child involved, then it's your responsibility to make it work, unless that person did something so horrible to you that you can't stand them. So I think in terms of Mandie and myself, our secret has been Mandie. She's incredibly patient and just super giving and super forgiving.

**Last month there was a rumor going around that you were dating TLC's Chilli, and you took to Twitter to tell fans it wasn't true. How do you decide when to let things go and when to speak up through social media?**

Most of the time now, I just let things go. But when it concerns someone else, like the rumor concerned Chilli, then I definitely need to go and fix that, because not just for me, but also for her. I would never want her thinking that I was trying to help fan the flames of the rumor, because she's [been] a friend of mine for years. She's a gorgeous woman—who wouldn't want to be linked to her? But being a gentleman is a gentleman. If it was ever printed, I'd want it to be true.

**You also tweet about random things, like resisting the urge to pig out because you want to fit into your suits. What's one thing you can't help but pig out on?**

I'm definitely an ice cream man. I love Oreo milkshakes or dulce de leche, salted caramel ice cream—that kind of stuff. ... I've got a bit of a sweet tooth. I have discipline with a lot of other things, but that's my potential ruiner right there.

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# SXSW lineup reveals more TV show premieres



Lena Dunham  
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South by Southwest is expanding its definition of “film festival,” hosting the premiere of six upcoming television shows as part of a new “Episodic” section.

The Austin, Texas-based event unveiled the majority of its film lineup Thursday, a slate spanning more than 100 movies, 76 of which will be making their world premieres.

“Neighbors,” starring Zac Efron and Seth Rogen; “Cesar Chavez,” Diego Luna’s take on the iconic civil rights leader; and “Joe,” starring Nicolas Cage, all will play at the festival.

Yet the biggest difference from years past is the presence of upcoming shows like “From Dusk Till Dawn: The Series,” Robert Rodriguez’s adaptation of his own 1996 movie; “Deadbeat,” a Hulu original series; and “Silicon Valley,” the latest comedy from “King of the Hill” creator Mike Judge.

The addition of a whole television section sprang from the success of prior premieres for “Girls,” the HBO show created by festival regular Lena Dunham, and “Bates Motel,” the

A&E show that borrows from Alfred Hitchcock’s “Psycho.”

“It had been in our mind for a long time with such great, quality work being made for TV,” SXSW head of film Janet Pierson said. “We want to stay in the middle of what’s exciting.”

The interactive side of SXSW remains a hub for up-and-coming startups and tech giants, which may be one reason their compatriots on the film side called the section “Episodic” rather than “TV.”

The star power is notable throughout the film festival, particularly in the small, talent-focused headliners section. “Neighbors,” the Rogen-Efron movie, will premiere alongside the “Veronica Mars” movie and “Chef,” Jon Favreau’s movie starring himself, Sofia Vergara and Scarlett Johansson.

“There has always been a lot of interesting talent here, but maybe it is a function of how movies are getting made,” Pierson said. “Even low-budget films are trying to attract more cast [members].”



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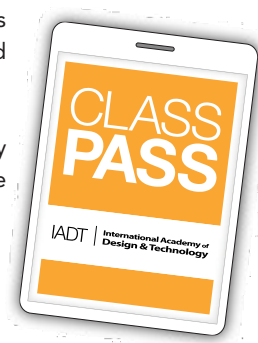
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10 Puncture  
14 Resting on  
15 Shampoo brand  
16 Give up, as territory  
17 "A \_ of Two Cities"  
18 Part of a flower  
19 Mistiness  
20 Grain bundles  
22 Manual worker  
24 Relatives  
25 Faithful  
26 Pompous fools  
29 Safety \_; closed fastener  
30 Wooden shoe  
34 Derogatory remark  
35 Up until now  
36 Manly  
37 " \_ Anybody Seen My Gal?"  
38 Subscription extension  
40 Short swim  
41 Resounds  
43 Galloped  
44 One of the 12 sons of Jacob  
45 Small rowboat  
46 Is able to  
47 Like a winter coat  
48 Wild  
50 Talk on and on  
51 Chopped off  
54 Of the national government  
58 Primary  
59 Actor Cibrán  
61 Uncommon  
62 Footed vases  
63 Fib tellers  
64 High point  
65 Delight  
66 Feel; perceive  
67 Not as much

DOWN

- 1 Sombreros and derbies  
2 Western state  
3 Beauty spot  
4 Orator  
5 Colorado resort  
6 Colors  
7 Consume  
8 Singer Frankie  
9 Put off for later

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- 10 Studious pupil  
11 On a \_; raging  
12 Shaping tool  
13 Lager  
21 Vis-à-  
23 Spaghetti sauce herb  
25 Not figurative; verbatim  
26 Blaze residue  
27 Loose, as a rope  
28 Cold rice with raw fish  
29 Pigsty  
31 Obama's VP  
32 Pimiento-stuffed edible  
33 Lukewarm  
35 Affirmative  
36 Mover's truck  
38 \_ to; cite  
39 Pale  
42 Take \_ to; resent  
44 Broad-minded  
46 Golfer's aide  
47 Boy  
49 Becomes dizzy  
50 Honking birds  
51 Self-righteous  
52 British noble  
53 Grape plant  
54 Forest trees  
55 Track-and-field event  
56 Upper limbs  
57 Spike & Bruce  
60 Actor Aykroyd



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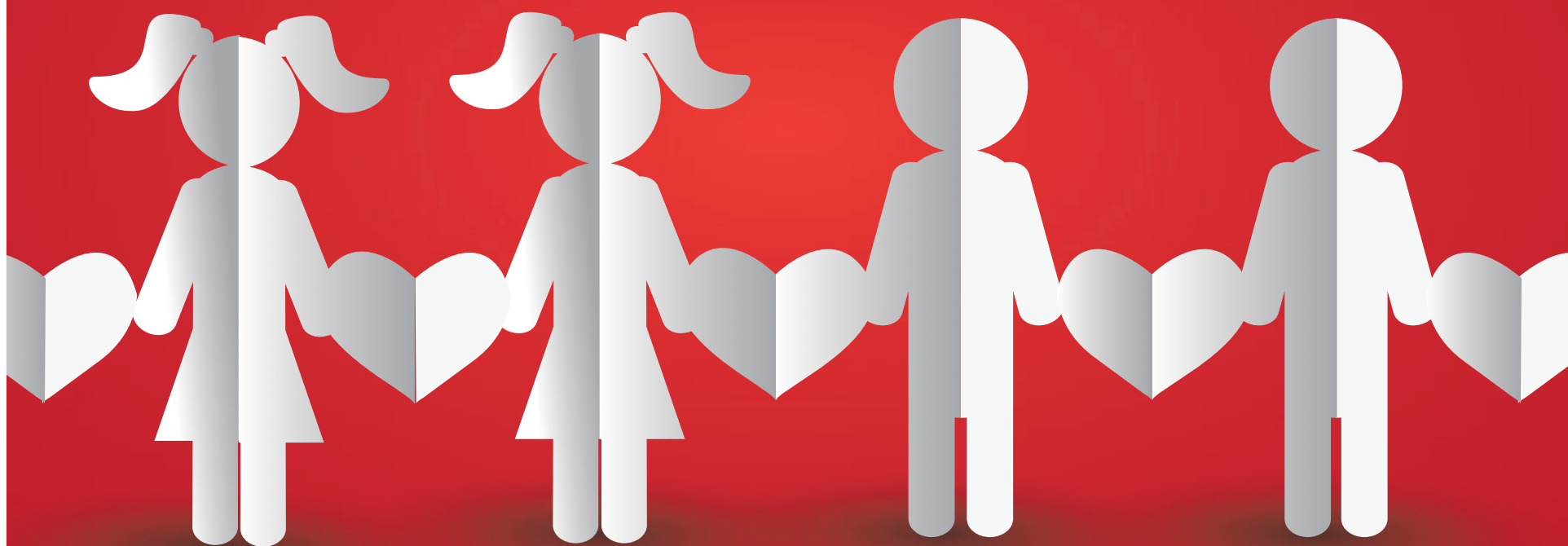
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## 'Watching a movie' on the couch

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## Going to the movie theater

Pillow Ryan Gosling never texts in the middle of "That Awkward Moment," and he especially doesn't talk during the previews and ruin everything for you. Plus, he doesn't judge you for getting extra butter on that popcorn—he knows it tastes super dry otherwise.

## Pizza and bowling

You're carrying the team! Pillow Ryan Gosling keeps getting gutter balls—does he want you to feel good about yourself, or are his pillow hands just slippery from the pepperoni grease?



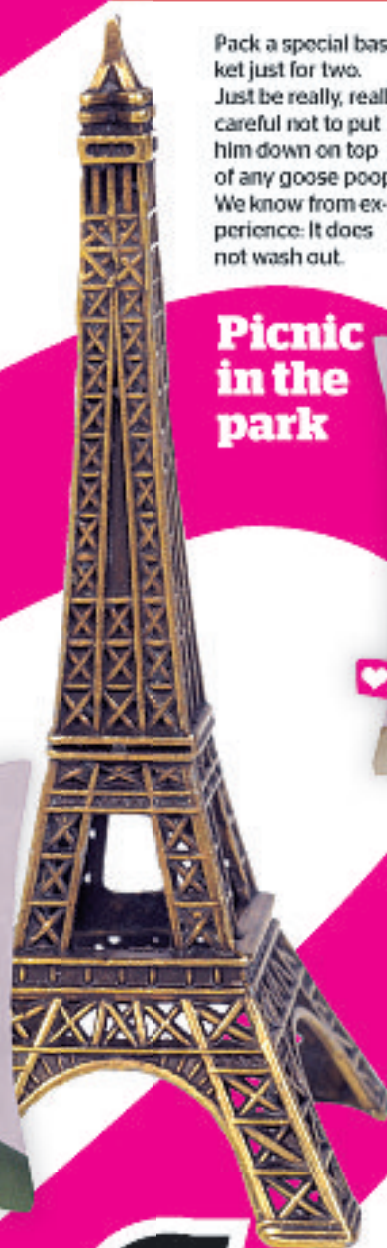
Pack a special basket just for two. Just be really, really careful not to put him down on top of any goose poop. We know from experience: It does not wash out.

## Picnic in the park



## Romantic trip to Paris

It's a long flight; you're gonna want a nap. Once you arrive, he'll be happy to indulge your every whim, and never complains when you want to buy the stinkiest cheeses. Your breath still smells just as sweet.



# Cuddle buddy

Hey, girl. Your new Valentine is all ready to meet you

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Oh, Ryan Gosling. Your chest is so soft and squishy, and you're just the right size for spooning. HEY, WAIT A SECOND, that's not the real Gos! New York Magazine's The Cut blog highlighted one Etsy seller's dreamy product, a nearly life-size Ryan Gosling body pillow. The handsome hunk measures in at 5 feet tall and sports a sexy blue tuxedo. Inspired by Ryan's own turn in "Lars and the Real Girl," in which he strikes up a romance with a blow-up sex doll, here are some great places to take your love pillow come Feb. 14. (Caution: This \$74 pillow will cost an extra \$45 to ship from Australia. Love ain't cheap.)

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## Your friend's cocktail party

You've got a permanent designated driver! But wait, Pillow Ryan Gosling is always willing to pay for a cab. That way you can snuggle in the backseat.





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Selena Gomez  
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# REST AND RELAXATION?

Adding herself to the list of young stars who've been in rehab recently, Selena Gomez revealed that she spent two weeks of January in Arizona's Dawn at the Meadows treatment center, [eonline.com](#) reports. However, neither drugs nor alcohol were involved, according to her rep. "She just needed to clear her head," the representative said of the 21-year-old singer/actress.



**THE QUOTE**  
"Drink, as much as you can."

—George Clooney, to E! News, when asked for his No. 1 tip for surviving New York Fashion Week. Runway shows kick off Thursday.



## THE DIGIT

\$2,000

That's how much it'll cost you to rent the wedding tiara worn by Lady Mary Crawley on "Downton Abbey," [eonline.com](#) reports. British jeweler Bentley & Skinner also requires a \$200,000 deposit for the headpiece, so don't even think about running away with the family jewels. Hopefully they'll bring you more luck than they did Lady Mary.



## So fetch

We've already marked our calendars for April 30, and you should too. Why? It's the 10-year anniversary of "Mean Girls." Director Mark Waters revealed some secrets about the flick to [vulture.com](#). Among the tidbits: Lindsay Lohan was originally cast as Regina George, Amy Poehler was responsible for writing the Kevin Gnapoor talent show rap and the MPAA originally wanted to give the movie an R rating.



## Tea time!

With their powers combined, One Direction will ... open a chain of cafes! The U.K.'s Daily Star reports that the swoonsome fivesome are plotting a global empire, with the first location set to open in Japan. "This could become the lads' version of Planet Hollywood," the paper's source said. Yes, because we all know how well Planet Hollywood worked out.

## Too big of a loser?

"Biggest Loser" spoiler alert! The show crowned its winner for Season 15 on Tuesday night, and the Internet is concerned she may have gone a bit too far. Rachel Frederickson lost 59.62 percent of her body weight, going from 260 pounds to 105 pounds, taking home \$250,000 in prize money. NBC declined to comment on the extent of her weight loss, but Frederickson appeared on "Today" on Wednesday morning, saying, "I'm not sure [I'll maintain this weight], but I plan to try new exercises and just continue on this path and see where that takes me."

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